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SUBJECT: NEXT FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE (FMD) REVIEW IN
COLOMBIA

1. NEXT REVIEW OF GOC FMD PROGRAM SCHEDULED FOR SEPT. 25
AND 26. ARA/ECP DISCUSSED WITH U.S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE
(USDA) POSSIBLE POSTPONEMENT OF MEETING UNTIL LATE OCTOBER,
CITING NEED TO GIVE NEW GOC TIME TO REVIEW THE FMD PROGRAM.
THERE ARE OTHER FACTORS ALSO. COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL
QUALITY (CEQ) ABRUPTLY DECIDED SCRUTINIZE MORE CAREFULLY
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS OF ROAD AND POTENTIAL FOR SPREAD
FMD. POSTPONEMENT FOR A MONTH WOULD ALLOW CEQ MORE TIME
TO PURSUE THEIR INQUIRIES BUT WHETHER THIS WOULD BE ENOUGH
TIME TO RESOLVE THEM IS DOUBTFUL. FINALLY, DEPT. OF
TRANSPORTATION INDICATES IT CAN LIVE WITH A MONTH'S POST-
PONEMENT.

2. USDA REPORTS THAT GOC IS MOVING AHEAD WELL ON FMD

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PROGRAM AND USDA VERY MUCH WANTS TO HAVE THE MEETING ON

SEPT. 25, 26 TO KEEP TO THE AGREED TIMETABLE, TALK TO THE COLOMBIAN OFFICIALS WHILE GOVERNMENT ATTITUDES ARE IN THE FORMATIVE STAGE AND REINFORCE THE MOMENTUM THAT IS DEVELOPING IN COLOMBIA.

3. EMBASSY ASSESSMENT OF RELATIVE ADVANTAGES OF POSTPONE-
MENT OR GOING AHEAD ON BASIS OF SEPTEMBER DATES URGENTLY
REQUESTED. KISSINGER

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